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Applicants: Masamitsu NAKAMINAMI et al.

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Application No.: 09/849,437

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Title : MACHINE TOOL

Bloss

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the Transmittal Letter and Petition for Extension of Time and Notification of Filing of Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and RCE Transmittal, both concurrently submitted herewith and in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 1, 7, 11 and 12 for the pending claims with the same numbers respectively:

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-- 1. (Twice Amended) A machine tool comprising:
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 a fixed bed;